

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

File Number: NRS 14.037

Pursuant to Chapter 0400-4-7 of the Department's rules, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (this also includes §401 Water Quality Certifications). This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

**APPLICANT:** Randy Shipp

Shipp Family Realty 6728 Ringgold Road East Ridge, TN 37412

(423) 267-7613

**LOCATION:** The property is adjacent to Camping World and Shipp's RV Center. The

property is bounded on the west by I-75, the east by West Chickamauga Creek, the north by Highway 41 and the south by the Tennessee-Georgia

state line; East Ridge, Hamilton County. 34.9864; -85.0157

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the proposed project involves the construction of additional parking and recreational vehicle storage for both Camping World and Shipp's RV Center & Campground. This will require the placement of fill in two wetland areas. The first is a 0.48 acre area and the other is 1.65 acres. In addition, the existing 2-acre pond shall be retrofitted with a new primary spillway and outfall pipe. A break in the embankment shall be repaired and sediment shall be removed from the pond. Compensatory wetland mitigation shall be with the purchase of available wetland acres at a 2:1 ratio from the Tennessee Wetland Mitigation Fund.

**DEGRADATION:** In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activities will not result in degradation to water quality.

**WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project is in the 06020001 HUC- Chickamauga Lake/ Tennessee River watershed. Both wetland areas appear to be hydrologically isolated and hydrated by direct precipitation and local runoff. Both are forested. Loblolly pine is common as well as sweetgum, green ash and red maple.

**PERMIT COORDINATOR:** Mike Lee

**FACTORS CONSIDERED:** In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In

making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

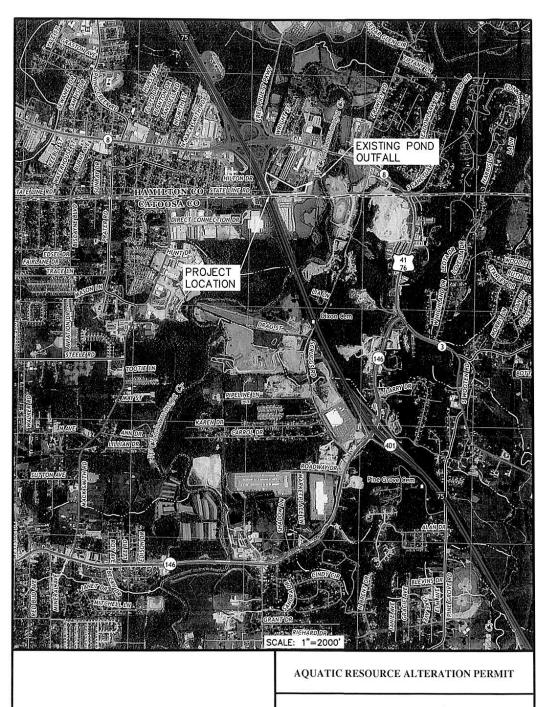
**COMMENTING:** Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

**PUBLIC HEARING**: Interested persons may request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing request to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

**APPEAL:** A permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 69-3-105(i) and Rule 0400-40-03-.12, by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period announced by this notice. This petition must be filed within thirty (30) days after public notice of the issuance of the permit. The petition must specify what provisions are being appealed and the basis for the appeal. It should be addressed to the technical secretary of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas at the following address: Dr. Sandra Dudley, Director, Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, Nashville, TN. Any hearing would be in accordance with T.C.A. §§69-3-110 and 4-5-301 et seq.

**FILE REVIEW:** The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243



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